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CUBAN DEVELOPMENTS INCLUDING INTERIM KHRUSHCHEV PROPOSAL LINKING WITHDRAWAL USSR MISSILES FROM CUBA WITH ELIMINATION US BASES IN TURKEY HAS SHARPLY INCREASED INTEREST LOCAL PRESS AND FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS IN NUMBER, LOCATION AND OTHER DETAILS US FACILITIES IN TURKEY.

IN LINE GOT POSITION ON CLASSIFICATION MISSILE BASES HERE, ALL US GOV AGENCIES IN TURKEY HAVE IN PAST IMPOSED MAXIMUM CONTROLS ON RECOGNITION OF OR COMMENT ON SUCH FACILITIES. DESPITE INCREASED VISIBILITY INHERENT IN RECENT DEVELOPMENTS, EMB/USIS ARE CONTINUING THIS POLICY, RESTRICTING RESPONSE TO PRESS QUERIES.

AS CASE IN POINT, COMMENT HAS BEEN REFUSED ON "SPECIAL STATEMENT" CARRIED BY MAJOR DAILY AKSAM THIS MORNING UNDER NEW YORK DATELINE QUOTING AMBASSADOR STEVENSON AS SAYING "PRESIDENT KENNEDY HAD PROPOSED DISMANTLING BASES IN TURKEY LAST YEAR "BUT" TURKISH GOVERNMENT ASKED TO KEEP THEM AND REFUSED THIS PROPOSAL."

IN VIEW GENERAL SITUATION AND SPECIFIC NECESSITY MEET QUERIES, REQUEST TEXT ALLEGED STATEMENT STEVENSON TO GOKSIN SIPAHIOGLU OF AKSAM, AS WELL AS GUIDANCE ON RESPONSE TO INCREASINGLY SHARP DEMAND US CORRESPONDENTS FOR FULL INFORMATION ON US FACILITIES IN TURKEY OPENLY REPORTED IN NEWS FROM US.

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